

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 2, 23, 24, and 28 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 27 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A package article for removably accepting a fiber optic cable, said package article being adaptable for operatively connecting to a host card, comprising:

a laminate for supporting optoelectronic components;

an amplifier die operatively connected to and supported by said laminate for amplifying electrical signals;

a flexible circuit electrically connected to and supported by said laminate for receiving said amplified electrical signals from said amplifier die;

an optoelectronic die electrically connected to said flexible circuit for receiving said amplified electrical

signals generated by said amplifier die and for
generating optical signals responsive thereto; and

a heat sink carrier operatively connected to said
flexible circuit, and attached to said optoelectronic die
for removing heat therefrom.

27. (Twice Amended) A method for coupling at least one
fiber optic cable to at least one translating die, comprising:

applying an electrical signal from an amplifier die
to a flexible circuit disposed on a laminate to which a
host card can be electrically connected;

converting said electrical signal to an optical
signal;

applying said optical signal to an optical coupler
for transmitting said optical signal to an optical
connector attached to said at least one fiber optic
cable; and